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SUBJECT: YOUNG CONSERVATIVES URGE UK AID TO HOMELANDS

1. THE BOW GROUP, AN INFLUENTIAL INDEPENDENT RESEARCH SOCIETY OF YOUNGER CONSERVATIVES, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF MPS, HAS JUST PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET PROPOSING A NEW APPROACH TO HELP BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS FIGHT APARTHEID. IT URGES THE UK TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GIVE THE BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS THE TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL TRAINING THEY WILL NEED WHEN THE APARTHEID SYSTEM "COLLAPSES." THE AUTHOR, RICHARD BLOUSTEN, ADVOCATES CREATION OF A BRITISH HOMELANDS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH A BOARD AND EXECUTIVES DRAWN FROM BRITISH INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND THE CHURCHES WHICH WOULD HAVE AN OFFICE IN SOUTH AFRICA TO LIAISE WITH THE HOMELANDS.

2. WE QUESTIONED NICK HUIJZMAN, HEAD OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY ON THIS PROPOSAL. HE SAID ODM REGULARLY IS APPROACHED
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TO PROVI ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMELANDS. THERE IS,

HOWEVER, NOTHING IT CAN DO AS LONG AS THE HOMELANDS
ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA. THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (DAC)
CONSIDERS THE REPUBLIC A DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND ODM'S
MANDATE ONLY COVERS ASSISTANCE TO WHAT THE DAC
CONSIDERS THE LESS DEVELOPED. HUIJZMAN RECOGNIZES THAT
THIS DISTINCTION WILL BECOME MORE OF A PROBLEM AS
HOMELANDS SUCH AS THE TRANSKEI MOVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.
HE HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT THE ODM CAN MAINTAIN A LOW
PROFILE IN THE DEBATE OVER THIS ISSUE, AT LEAST UNTIL
THE DAC REVIEWS ITS POSITION ON SUCH AID.

3. WE WILL POUCH COPIES OF REPORT TO DEPARTMENT
AND PRETORIA DECEMBER 20.

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